birth centenary of Netaji has already decided to set up a memorial museum in the Netaji's ancestral house at Cuttack.

Withdrawal of world heritage classification to Hampi

3263. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the UNESCO authorities are threating to withdraw World Heritage Classification to Hampi in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the reasons given by the UNESCO; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take for averting the situation of withdrawal of World Heritage Classification?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The World Heritage site of Hampi has been declared an endangered site by the UNESCO in view of the certain construction activities undertaken at the site by the State Government.

(c) The Government of Karnataka, on the advice of the Government of India has set up a high level Task Force to take long-term corrective measures for the preservation and maintenance of Hampi monuments.

New National Cultural Policy

3264. SHRI P. SOUNDARARANJAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that formulation of new 'National Cultural Policy' is underway;

(b) if so, whether the States and the representatives of various cultural identities have been consulted; and

(c) whether Government have proposal to send it to a Parliamentary Committee before declaration?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Though attempts to formulate a comprehensive National Cultural Policy were made in the past no finality could be arrived at. The exercise included consultations with the States Government, UTs, Members

of Parliament and over 500 experts, artistes and organizations. However, no time limit can be specified at this point of time for the evolution of a National Cultural Policy though the approach in the matter will be consensual.

Request for refusal of allocation

3265. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some request of State Government of Himachal Pradesh for refund of Rs. 31.45 crores deducted by the Ministry from the Central plan allocations of the State Government during 1994-95, 1995-96 1996-97 and 1997-98 is pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the date of its pendency;

(c) whether Government propose to settle the long issue now; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Involvement of liquor barons in FERA violations

3266. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Enforcement Directorate at New Delhi has served notice to M/s United Breweries for alleged Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) violations to the tune of crores of rupees;

(b) whether Government are aware that several liquor manufacturers in the country are grossly involved in FERA violations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take to check involvement of liquor barons in the FERA violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. No show cause notice has been issued to Messers United Breweries by the Enforcement Directorate for alleged violation of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act. However, the Enforcement Directorate in investigating two cases against Messers United Breweries Limited.